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FOR AMB VANCE

DEPT PASS TO DEA FOR BARTELS FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, SP

SUBJ: NARCOTICS: ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SPAIN

REF: (A) STATE 188849; (B) MADRID 4145; (C) STATE 135428

1. I AM SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED AT THE CONTENTS OF STATE 188849 WITH REGARD TO PROVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT SINCE IT IS CONTRARY TO WHAT I HAD UNDERSTOOD THE RESPONSE WOULD BE AT THE TIME OF MY TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE AND MR. BARTELS IN JUNE, AND SINCE ENVISAGED FOR THE EQUIPMENT.

2. IN MY JUNE CONVERSATIONS, AS I REMEMBER THEM, AMBASSADOR VANCE INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED PROVISION OF MOST OF THE REQUESTED EQUIPMENT TO BE APPROVED, AND MR. BARTELS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THIS PROSPECT.

3. THE PURPOSE OF PROVISION OF THE EQUIPMENT IS PRIMARILY PSYCHOLOGICAL IN MY MIND. IT WILL NOT BE ANY MEANS COVER
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ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT THE SPANISH NEED IN THE DRUG FIELD,

AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVISION OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FALL TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, AS IT SHOULD. PROVISION BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE REQUESTED EQUIPMENT WILL, HOWEVER, ACT AS AN IMPORTANT STIMULANT TO SPANISH DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY. THIS CATALYTIC PURPOSE HAS BEEN THE PROMARY REASON FOR MY RECOMMENDING IT. THERE WOULD BE THE ADDITIONAL PURPOSES OF UPGRADING SPANISH CAPABILITY AND OF REINFORCING RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND SPANISH DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, BUT THESE WOULD BE SECONDARY.

4. I BELIEVE THE IDEA OF INVITING THE HEAD OF THE SPANISH INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE OR HIS DEPUTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS A GOOD ONE IN PRINCIPLE, AND WE WILL LOOK FURTHER INTO ITS DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY IN COMING WEEKS. HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEE HAS THUS FAR MET ONLY ONCE, IN JULY; AND WE ARE NOT YET READY TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WHO SHOULD BE INVITED OR WHEN. MOREOVER, WE CANNOT BE SURE HOW EARLY THE INVITEE WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT A FAVORABLE DECISION ON PROVISION OF THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD NOT AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE HEAD OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE OR HIS DEPUTY.

5. THUS I REQUEST THAT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN NOW TO PROVISION OF THE REQUESTED EQUIPMENT.
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